President: Order, order. The reclamation charges, as it has been pointed out, were met by Government. We ordered some machinery from Germany and the steamer in which the machinery came had to take shelter in one of the Philippine ports on account of war. We had to engage the services of some experts for putting forward our claims before the Port authorities for the delivery of the machinery to us.

With regard to the second thing, there is a lot of very old soft wood in the premises of the Development Office. Any danger by fire would be catastrophic and calamitous. Therefore fire hydrants are to be installed there.

The third is setting in order the wood wool machine. Wood wool is needed by various firms now and it is one of the things from which we expect some profit.

None of them is very technical. Unfortunately many people do not know what wood wool means. It is only dealing with wood cutting it into small splinters. You can go and see the work that is done there.

Mr. M. Govindan: In the light of the explanation from the Chair which has thrown light upon this very obscure matter, I heartily support the motion.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: I wish to ask one question, Sir. Why is it that this comes under a supplementary grant? Why was it not provided for in the annual budget or why should it not wait till the next budget? That should be revealed at the time when the Heads of Departments come forward and ask for supplementary grants. Supplementary demands, however, are restricted by certain rules.

President: The honourable member may perhaps recollect that Dr.S.K. Pillai made an attempt to explain items (1) and (3). As to item (2) I think no attempt was made.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: My question is with regard to item (2). We are entitled to hear when we are called upon to note that item as a supplementary grant, the justification for bringing it as a supplementary grant. That is exactly the point that I have to be satisfied with. I am only at that. I am not for discussing the merits.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 3,870 under Demand XX Forests—E. Development Department, was put and carried and the supplementary grant was made.

THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTE.

Mr. S. Sundararajan (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to present the report of the Public Accounts Committee for 1114 and move that it may be taken up for consideration.

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Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, I read the report of the Public Accounts Committee with considerable shame, because I found from the report that the Committee met at 5 and dispersed at 5·25 and that among those who attended, two of the three non-official members were absent. Thanks to the member elected by this House, he alone was the sole representative of the non-official side for going through the items of expenditure for a year. Sir, that is the point of view that I have to present before the House, that we do not feel our responsibility, once we are elected to such an important Committee as the Public Accounts Committee, to discharge our functions. So, I stand up here today to inveigh against the irresponsibility exhibited by two of the non-official members elected to the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I rise to a point of order. Is the honourable member in order in making a reflection that may be considered as derogatory to the dignity of the members of the other House?

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: I am not talking of the members of the other House. I am talking of the members of the Public Accounts Committee whose report is under discussion. I thought my honourable friend would be able to understand that distinction.

President: The honourable member will proceed.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, the report, is very meagre and I am not surprised to find that with regard to the various irregularities that have been pointed out in the Audit Report, the Committee came to the conclusion that adequate steps have been taken. It is not for us now, Sir, to say, after having discharged our responsibility in the way it has been done, whether those steps have been adequate or not. I am not at that question. Therefore, after marking my disapprobation of the way in which the non-official side of the Public Accounts Committee chose to exercise the very valuable right conferred on us by Statute, I take my seat.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE MAINTENANCE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Maintenance Orders Enforcement Bill, as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration. I may be permitted, Sir, to explain briefly the object underlying this piece of legislation. Under the existing law, maintenance order passed by the Travancore Courts cannot be enforced in any place outside

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